

The Intolerable Ordinary

Go up and rear an altar to the Lord on the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

Over all the centuries, the church has surrounded its worship with the most magnificent music the world has known. It has couched its liturgies in the most exalted words that language can offer. It has surrounded its worship with the noblest architecture and furnished it with master works of art and craft. I am moved by all of that, as I am moved every time I stand in this majestic sanctuary.